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MARSHFIELD.

First signs of Spring. Big pipes and hand organs have arrived.

Herbert Chandler having just recovered from a fever is able to be out.

Dan Chamlee, brakeman on the South Shore freight, had his hand badly hurt while shacking cars.

The Dolphins gave their play entitled "Nine Points of the Law" at Churchill's hotel last Friday evening.

Woodchucks are fast being annihilated. About do chuck captured in this part of the town have been presented to the town for the bounty of 25 cents each.

Miss Jessie Smith was agreeably surprised the other evening by the appearance of about thirty young people who expressed their friendliness towards her by giving her a social surprise party. A present for Jessie and a nice treat for all made the occasion one of pleasure.

Preparations are being made at Brant Rock for the coming summer notwithstanding the cold weather. Martin Swift is making an addition to his now commodious house in order to accommodate the many who enjoy Mr. Swift's location, which is one of the best along the shore.

Mr. John Magoun has in his possession a road machine for trial that gives such satisfaction in working many of our sandy roads that he thinks of buying it and letting it to the town. It would be a wise investment if the Selectmen would purchase the machine which costs \$350.

The following extractive resignation was received by the Town Clerk from an appointed fire warden:

"Dear Clerk, Marshfield,
Please accept my resignation. I say, Fire warden we appointed you. To accept the office we ask of you, To do your duty.
We want a man with judgment good, understanding and knowledge. Because he over both wood and land. Some years ago I served the Town with a fire warden. But now I'm old and rather blind. I can't accept but must decline."

Mr. Edmonson,
In the last issue I noticed an article in regard to surveys of highway roads to difficult to get men to work at the price offered, for reasons you fully stated.

I do not see any reason why a man that works on the road shouldn't have as much pay for his time as the other town officers. Surveying is hard and it requires almost as much labor. We are bound to the writer to be an ex-surveyor—indeed I believe, Mr. Edmonson, that a man that works the hardest should have the most money and not the least. But the boundary is to keep the price of labor down. Is it hard work for a surveyor, to get men where are the roads are to be surveyed? The person they can have the whole business themselves and possibly will get rich in a short time.

"I am sorry said that it would be illegal for surveyors to pay more than 25 cents per acre, but I don't doubt, if a few extra extra on labor, would be any more illegal than a few hundred dollars on another estimation.

Perhaps if more could have white plums furnished that as they would sell their hands, 25 cents per acre would be some temptation. Yours,

NORTH MARSHFIELD.

Rev. Mr. Colwell preached at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Walter L. Cliff of Weymouth made a flying visit to his mother and brother at his native place last week.

Miss Kittie Conant of Chicago is expected to visit her relations and friends at North Marshfield early long.

The hundred and seventh meeting of the Pilgrim Conference was held with the Congregational Church at Duxbury, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18. The meetings were largely attended and were of unusual interest and profit. The temperance sermon was delivered by Rev. J. W. Brewster of Hanover, from Hosea 6:3—“Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord.” The communion sermon was by Rev. S. E. Lane of East Marshfield. The subjects for discussion were: Neglects of religion; (a) Who are they and why? (b) The duty of the church. (c) Most effective methods of reaching them. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our churches. The relative place of the Sabbath School among methods of education, and what we may learn from its form studies. The discussions were participated in by a large number and were of great interest. The churches of Marshfield were well represented.

MARSHFIELD CENTRE.

Mr. Winslow Conant has been out of health for some time past and is yet confined to the house.

Luther S. Fogg, the contractor at the mill at the shore is to build a large stone factory at Davers.

Miss Con. Ames who has been suffering for some time with a white swelling is still confined to her room.

Charles W. Lovett who has been confined to his house nearly all winter from trouble which defected the heart New York and Boston physicians is improving in health.

Wm. Conant escaped what might have been a serious injury on Monday of last week. The outward freight train was on the siding at Center R.R. Station leaving the crossing unbroken. Mr. Conant made an attempt to cross when his horse took fright at the engine, throwing Mr. Conant down an embankment nearly ten feet, his express wagon went over him. Fortunately Mr. Conant was not hurt beyond a few bruises.

EAST MARSHFIELD.

The Apron sale to be given by the ladies of the Unitarian Society mentioned in last week's issue as to occur on May 4th, by mistake, will take place at Rogers' hall on the evening of Thursday, May 1st.

Mr. Fred Housis is making great improvements about his estate, acre are being plowed up and improved and the road side cleaned up. Want more such enterprising men in place to dress up our picturesque hills and give them a greener coat of velvet.

A large fire occurred in our wood last Wednesday afternoon. It started back of the cemetery from a little fire, and although on a calm day got beyond the control of the party in charge, spreading into the woods and over the cemetery. The bells were rung and within fifteen or thirty minutes, 75 men or thereabouts, from the "Two Miles" (Cox Hill) and our own village gathered to fight it. It was soon found that the fire which was raging with great force in the dense thickets, with tall pines plentifully scattered about, could not be stopped until it reached the road, or cartway through the woods, hence all the available force by the direction of the fire-ward, was centered on this cartway, and there was a large pile bought in the hands of each soldier of the fire, a shovel and an ax scattered here and there, the grand army stood firmly on the line of advance, waiting the steady approach of the fire-fight, which would roast us alive, could it catch and hold us captive in its grasp. In anticipation of its near approach and onward fury, little fires were kindled a little distance from the cart way, to break or check the maddening fury of the fire head as it came rushing on. All along the line these little fires dotted the border of the cart way, but they did not spread one continuous unbroken length, and when our enemy approached us, our bouquets were uprooted, each man was to his post, the whole line advanced, a grand charge was made, for every man knew that if it marched, passed the cart way, the day was lost. We fought, the fire raged, our faces paled with heat, we struggled hard, here we conquered, and there defeated, but on we marched, the fight was desperate, the fire halted, we were victorious, and the fire numbered among the things of the past. Many acres were burnt over and valuable woods belonging mostly to Mr. Wiles Allen, Rogers and Mr. C. T. Rodgers. The Unitarian church, barely escaped, and the church steeple caught, but was not entirely destroyed. The cemetery presented a blackened mass, and the occupants could they have raised their heads, must have trembled at the mere approach of the day of judgment and the hot reception they were destined to meet.

The marble stones that marked the resting place of the departed were scattered here and there, blackened, but soap and ash will probably remove the stain. Some were broken by the heat, that we noticed. At the next town meeting there should be a vote passed, forbidding the use of fire to make grass land or on or about any property planned land, without first obtaining a permit of one or more of the firewards, and a penalty should be added, that for each violation of the act, the offender shall pay to the owner of the burnt property all damages and costs. There would be no need for the law to be so strict, as the children, who would be most likely to start the fire, would be easily detected by the hair of their head, which would be singed by the hairy spider—when after Black Peru's death was never seen. With one blow, the steeple was shattered, a long fall and putting his wrist out of joint in his efforts to save the church, which failed to hold him to escape the monsters. The beast took refuge in the swamp and were never again seen. The chest was pulled up and buried in the indicated spot. Six weeks after, the members and the three children of the deceased, Mr. Rogers, They owned a little boat and were sailing in it when it upset. They were lost, some help obtained and the bodies soon recovered, but they were all dead. Now old Blanche the wife, who had refused to leave the dead man's secrets, remained of the family, and died in 1860. Although understanding her father's secret she refused to use them, but lived a peaceful and Christian life—Old Codger Mrs. Wiles.

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Black Peru, the Pembroke Wizard.

BY ERNEST K. BREWSTER.

The negro, John Peru, had the singular power of willing others to come to him, even from a great distance. And when they came, he obliged them, from the terror they had of him, to do his bidding. I presume he was a wonderful mesmerizer.

There was once a man who, from extreme homesickness, died and went.

Our West end survivors have been using the road machine to good purpose. We heard a prominent gentleman from the Hill say to another the other day, "If you want to ride over a good road go up to Mr. Sylvanus Clapp's." Well, we rode down over the Hill the other day, and there were more ruts and stones, that's a fact.

Although we may be charged with stepping outside our proper limits, we cannot forbear speaking of the entertainment given by the South Scituate Dramatic Club at the Town Hall last Thursday evening, it being a repetition of the drama given by them some time since. We had been led to expect something that might shock the moral sense, yet with the characteristic perversity of human nature, wanted to see for ourselves. We were, however, agreeably surprised and pleased with a fine rendering of a drama, which, under the rough guise of a mining camp, portrayed some of the noblest attributes of man and many of the finer qualities of woman, and in which, virtue and honesty triumph over vice and deceit. The manner in which the characters were sustained showed that the actors had not only made themselves familiar with the plot, but with the action. It is not often that we find an amateur club so evenly balanced. Amid the general excitement we would not particularize, were it not that the modesty of our Editor would prevent his doing, full justice to the character of Nevada in his report, but which he did endeavor to do full justice to on that evening with much success.

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